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## **MOJAVE DRIVE SPEED LIMIT REDUCED FOR SAFETY**

**Victorville** – Caltrans began the Mojave Drive Interchange Project on Interstate 15 (I-15) in Victorville in early June 2007. The project will improve the existing interchange by adding a new bridge to make four lanes (two in each direction), reconfigure the on and off ramps, and signalize the intersecting ramps.

Decreased capacity on Mojave Drive overpass will reduce the speed limit to 25 miles per hour effective today. The reduced speed will provide a safe area for construction workers, pedestrians, and motorists.

Most of the work on Mojave Drive will take place behind k-rail (or barriers) for less impact to motorists. The width of the lanes have been reduced to eleven feet, so trucks and wide loads are requested to try and take alternate routes. <u>Pedestrian access is provided on one side of the Mojave Drive overcrossing during construction.</u>

Intermittent lane and ramp closures will be necessary on I-15 throughout the project. Daytime work will take place Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Nighttime work will take place Sunday through Friday from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Most of the lane and ramp closures will take place during night work.

The two-year project is mostly funded by the City of Victorville and will cost over \$8 million. Caltrans is working closely with the City of Victorville to ensure that the construction has minor impacts to the community. An additional public meeting will be scheduled in June and advertised as soon as the location is secured.

Updates to this project will be provided when as the work progresses. Motorists may sign up for updates on the project at <u>caltrans8.info</u> under "CT Connect". For information on other roadwork in Riverside and San Bernardino county, please go to "News and Documents" at the same website. You may also call (866) 383-4631.

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